

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missourian who has distinguished herself through many years of excellence in print journalism; and

**Whereas**, Lora D. Steiner, a treasured resident of Vandalia, Missouri, is stepping down as owner of the Vandalia Leader after fifty-two years of exceptional service and dedication; and

**Whereas**, Lora Steiner arrived in Vandalia in September of 1951 with her beloved husband, Pete, with whom she owned the Vandalia Leader for many years until his departure from this world, following which she continued to run the newspaper with the help of two of her three children; and

**Whereas**, Lora Steiner has distinguished herself as an icon in the newspaper business for fifty-two years, during which time she has greatly enjoyed sharing her life with Vandalia residents and raising her three children in the Vandalia community; and

**Whereas**, Lora Steiner is exceedingly proud of the Vandalia Leader's numerous accomplishments that include distinction as the only weekly newspaper in Missouri to editorially endorse the selection of Vandalia as the proposed site for the new women's prison, and one of only a handful of newspapers in the state to editorially support the voluntary school desegregation plan in St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, Lora Steiner considers herself fortunate to have worked with her two children, Mary and Bill, and a host of loyal employees who include the late Dorothy Hartung, Judy Flowers, Mary Deppe, Lloyd Browning, and Ray DeTienne, all of whom have brought great joy and happiness to her life; and

**Whereas**, Lora Steiner looks forward to her much-deserved retirement and turning over the Vandalia Leader to new owners Helen and Gary Sosniecki, both of whom she knows will bring a wealth of tremendous talent, enthusiasm, and unlimited potential to the Vandalia Leader for years to come:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Lora Steiner for her fifty-two years of unparalleled service to the Vandalia community as the proud owner of the Vandalia Leader, and in wishing her the long, rewarding, and enjoyable retirement she so richly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Lora D. Steiner, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker